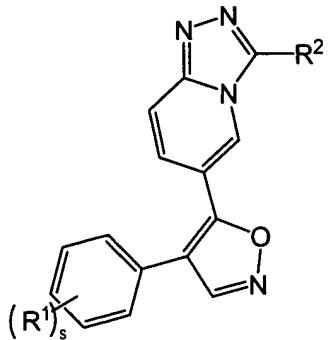


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Original) A compound of the formula



wherein R¹ is fluoro;

s is two;

R² is (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally substituted by one or two moieties independently selected from the group consisting of halo, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, and (C₁-C₆)alkyl-(C=O)-O-;

with the proviso that said compound of formula I cannot be

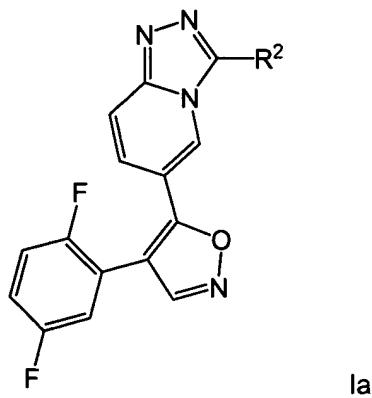
6-[4-(2,4-difluoro-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-3-isopropyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridine; or

6-[4-(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)-o- xazol-5-yl]-3-isopropyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is (C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally substituted with one or two groups independently selected from halo, hydroxy, and (C₁-C₆)alkoxy.

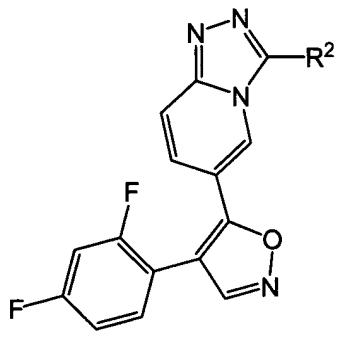
Claim 3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R² is optionally substituted ethyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, t-butyl or sec-butyl.

Claim 4. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein the compound has the formula



Ia

Claim 5. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein the compound has the formula



Ib

Claim 6. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R² is (C₁-C₆)alkyl, optionally substituted with halo or hydroxy.

Claim 7. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R is ethyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, t-butyl or sec-butyl; optionally substituted with a halo or hydroxy.

Claim 8. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R² is (C₁-C₄)alkyl.

Claim 9. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

6-[4-(2,5-Difluoro-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-3-isopro- pyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridine;

3-tert-Butyl-6-[4-(2,5-difluoro-phenyl-)-oxazol-5-yl]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridine; and

3-tert-Butyl-6-[4-(2,4-- difluoro-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridine.

Claims 10-15 (Cancelled).